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MAIL STOP RCE

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Group Art Unit: 1653
Examiner: Chih Min KAM

For: **METHOD FOR EXTRACTION AND PURIFICATION OF
 CARTILAGE TYPE PROTEOGLYCAN**

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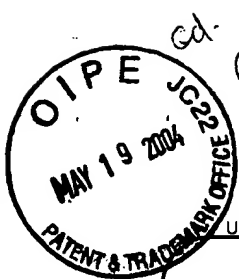
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of February 20, 2004, with a three month shortened statutory period to respond set to expire on May 20, 2004. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed along with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE").

In view of the following remarks and claim amendments, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the rejections and to allow all claims as presently claimed in this application.